

Twins Serve

Are There Any More Like You Back Home?

RICHMOND — Jean Smith has been employed as a special project worker to Tanzania by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its September meeting here.



Miss Smith will serve as a nurse on the mission field. Currently she is a registered nurse working at North-west Mississippi Regional Medical Center in Clarksdale. She is a member of Walnut Baptist Church in Vance, Miss.

Miss Smith will be joining her twin sister, Barbara Jo Smith, on the mission field. Presently Barbara Jo is a Southern Baptist journeyman teaching missionary children in Mbeya, Tanzania. Her twin will be a nurse at Baptist Hospital in that city.

During the board meeting when Jean Smith was employed, J. Roy Clifford, chairman for the committee on missionary personnel, remarked: "I wish you were a triplet!"

The difference between the sisters' choice of missionary service is a spe-

cial project worker is a physician, dentist, nurse or other professionally trained medical person who is employed for a one-year term to meet special or emergency medical needs overseas; a journeyman is a college graduate no older than 26 who works for two years alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments overseas.

Born in Lambert, Miss., Jean Smith grew up in Vance. She attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College in Senatobia and was graduated with a

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Gulfshore Asse Full Schedule For Summer, '78

The office of the executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has announced next summer's schedule for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and that reservations will be accepted after Jan. 1, 1978.

"It is my great pleasure to see Gulfshore begin operation after nine years," said Kelly, referring to the time between the assembly's destruction by Hurricane Camille in 1969 and next summer's opening. "It has been sorely missed," he said.

The tentative schedule of Convention Board activities includes programs for youth, Church Training, the Christian Action Commission, Church Music, Sunday School, and Church Administration.

Officially opening in June with three Youth Week conferences, the assembly will also offer its facilities on a space-available basis to church-related groups.

June 5-9, June 12-16, and June 19-23, are all scheduled as Youth Weeks. Then comes two Church Training mini-weeks on June 26-28 and June 29-July 1. Family Week, sponsored by Christian Action is July 3-7, and Youth Music

Week is July 10-14. After that is Young Musicians Music Week July 17-21, then Pastor/Church Program Week July 24-28.

Four Sunday School Mini-Weeks will be held July 31-Aug. 2, Aug. 3-5, Aug. 7-9, and Aug. 10-12. Following that will be Senior Adult Week Aug. 14-18, Church Staff Development Mini-Week Aug. 21-23, and Music - Leadership - Adult Week Aug. 24-26.

Tentative rates for the Pass Christian center will include a registration fee of \$3 to \$5 for either a full or mini-week. This provides for insurance coverage.

Rooms range from \$4-\$8 per person with room occupancy running from 2-8 persons per room. Meals are estimated to cost \$6.75 per person per day. Four cottages with kitchenettes will be available. Two rooms will be furnished to serve the needs of handicapped persons.

The address to send reservations for Gulfshore is: Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. No reservations will be accepted before Jan. 1.

A search for a director of the assembly is currently underway.

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Annual Convention

Baptist Students Meet In October At "The W"

The Mississippi Baptist Student Union Convention will meet Oct. 14-16 on the campus of Mississippi University for Women at Columbus.

Featured platform personalities will include Jack Greever, associate in student work for Texas Baptists, Jim Keith, pastor of First Church, Laurel; Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and David Meece, music evangelist from Oklahoma.

The convention, for students from the 26 Baptist Student Unions on campuses around the state, will meet for inspiration, instruction in ministry and life-decisions, and to conduct such business as election of officers and adoption of a student missions budget.

Current president of the state BSU organization is Alon Bee, student at the University of Mississippi. Theme of the convention is "Drawn Together by God's Love."

This year's program offers a variety of conferences for students to choose from. For instance, students may choose Bible studies from among these topics: sex, discipleship, self-image, prayer, and the second coming of Jesus.

General conferences offer: How a Christian Woman Can Have a Career and a Good Marriage, led by Ann Allen of Columbus; Is Anything Wrong Anymore? led by Robert Shurden of Mississippi College; and Finding My Life's Work, led by S. L. Harris, president of Clarke College.

And several "How-to's" are offered. Among them are: relating to International students, one-on-one campus witnessing, starting and maintaining a Bible study group. Plus there will be information on becoming a student, short-term, or career missionary.

Saturday afternoon options include: intercollegiate athletics, music at Leigh Mall, a missions fair and reception for 1977 student summer missionaries.

Those students desiring housing may request such from Ralph Winders, director of the Department of



Greever



Keith



Kelly



Meece

Student Work at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Homes are being furnished by members of the Lowndes County Baptist Association. Various motel accommodations are also available in the area.

BWA Sets Oct. 23 As Day Of Prayer For Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is urging some 30 million Baptists around the world to observe a first annual Day of Prayer for Peace on Sunday, Oct. 23.

Robert Denny, BWA general secretary, said the observance was authorized by the BWA general council at

its July meeting in Miami Beach. He said Oct. 23 was chosen because it is the Sunday before the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

A BWA communication to 109 BWA member bodies said peace has "both spiritual and material meanings. . . It will rob our Oct. 23 observance of its full meaning if we confine our prayers to those for spiritual peace. We must pray also for peace among nations and within nations."

The statement said, "Peace is an affirmative concept, covering the achievement of harmony in relations among peoples. Those who work for peace will work for the relaxation of tensions between nations, for better understanding and love between classes, races and tribes. Those who are fully committed to peace will seek non-violent ways to pursue the aims of justice and freedom, even of liberation for the oppressed."

The BWA council resolution expressed support for "lasting peace, disarmament, and just relations among all nations" and called war "an unChristian way of seeking to settle international problems and disputes."

"Mississippi Plan" Stresses Training

The associational officers' training conferences which were held across Mississippi last week are only a part of a state convention board plan to "develop a mighty army of associational workers," says Chester Vaughn.

Vaughn, program director for the convention board, has developed what he calls the "Mississippi Plan for Associational Advancement."

"We have 1927 churches in Mississippi at last count and it is impossible for the convention board staff to relate to that many churches," said Vaughn, who devised a strategy of working with and through associations in officer training.

The first meeting in the associational officer training process is the associational officer planning workshop, conducted in May each year. Only the associational council is present for this meeting which this year was in Jackson.

These workers are director of missions, moderator, clerk, Sunday School director, Church Training director, music director, WMU director, brotherhood director, missions committee chairman, stewardship chairman, and evangelism chairman.

"Purpose of the May meeting is two-fold," said Vaughn. "It is to provide an overview of the suggested program for churches as projected by our denomination. Plus, it is to make associational leaders aware of possible associational projects they may wish to consider in planning an associational program to assist the churches."

Then, in September, the associational officers' training conferences are held in convenient places around the state for all associational officers except WMU and stewardship chairmen.

Associational officers for whom the meetings last week were devised include: directors of missions and moderators, missions committee chairmen, and directors of evangelism. Sunday School officers are offered five different meetings: for general officers, adult directors, youth directors, children's directors, and preschool directors. Church training also offers five meetings: for general officers, adult, youth, and children's directors, plus associational recreational leaders. Other conferences are held for

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BOLD BELIEVERS IN GIVING Through a Ministering Church



October Is Cooperative Program Month



Carey College Hosts Bold Missions Day

William Carey College, as host campus, and Owen Cooper, as host moderator, will welcome Mississippi Baptists on NOVEMBER 1 to a strategic BOLD MISSIONS DAY. Afternoon and evening sessions have been planned.

"The task of becoming involved in the implementation of President Jimmy Carter's challenge to send 5000 lay mission volunteers into the field in the next five years will be the concern of the day," said Cooper, lay leader from Yazoo City and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to Ralph Noonkester, president of the college, the program in the afternoon will feature five top denominational leaders from the five convention agencies involved in the new Mission Service Corps. "All visiting church participants from South Mississippi will be encouraged to ask questions, give input, and become enthusiastic about this bold new venture involving additional lay Baptists in personalized missions," said Noonkester.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Lewis Myers, a former missionary to Vietnam who now serves in Richmond, Va., as the Foreign Mission Board's director of the Mission Service Corps. Myers has two

daughters studying on the William Carey College campus.

A dialogue with top leaders from five convention agencies will begin the afternoon session at 2:30 p.m. Representatives will include Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission; Carolyn Weatherford, WMU; Jim Clarke, Sunday School Board; Gerald Palmer, Home Mission Board; and Myers.

Six To One

Vacancies Greatly Outnumber Volunteers In Foreign Missions

RICHMOND (BP) — Only one out of every six requests for new missionary personnel is now being filled because of the limited number of persons volunteering for overseas service, Louis R. Cobbs told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its September meeting here.

Cobbs, secretary for the board's department of missionary personnel, said that thus far in 1977 the board has reviewed 307 applications and recommended 204 career missionaries, missionary associates, journeymen, special project workers and medical receptors for appointment. Some 100 other applications are expected to be reviewed before the end of this year, he said.

"This is great," he commented, "but we need and we would like to have twice that number or three times that number." Cobbs noted that his department has the capability of processing such increased numbers "if we had the applications to process."

Requests for new missionaries originate on the mission fields as missionaries survey needs in the 88 countries where Southern Baptists now have work. The requests totaled more than 1,300 during the past year. "It

seems that five requests are left unfilled for every one we are able to fill," Cobbs said, "and that's not right."

Gottfried B. Osei-Mensah of Nairobi, Kenya, executive secretary of the Lausanne Continuing Committee on World Evangelization, here as a guest of the Foreign Mission Board, observed that the "spirit of God is moving" all around the world today and it is more imperative than ever before to send out missionaries to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Two-thirds of the world's people still have not yet heard the gospel, he said, and there's no way to reach more than 70 percent of these except by the sending of missionaries. Only about 30 percent of the unreached people could be won by their neighboring Christian countries, he said, because so many of the world's people have no near Christian neighbors.

Churches throughout the world "seem to want to be obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ" to win others, he noted. He pointed to the evangelistic stirrings in such populous countries as India, where young Indian Christian leaders have set a goal of reaching that country's 620 million people for Christ by the end of the century.

"You and I," he said, "are involved in an enterprise that cannot fail."

During its Sept. 13 meeting, the board employed two registered nurses as special project workers who will spend a year overseas to meet special medical needs in Gaza and East Africa. Rheta Perry of Dublin, Ga., will go to Gaza to fill an urgent need for medical personnel and Jean Smith of Vance, Miss., will go to Tanzania.

Miss Smith has an identical twin sister, Barbara Jo Smith, who is on a two-year stint as a missionary journeyman teaching missionary children in Mbeya, Tanzania. Jean will work at a Baptist hospital in the same city.

Among the 188 recommendations which the board's administrative committee presented were motions authorizing payment of travel expenses of 16 volunteers going overseas to spend at least a year in various responsibilities.

The increasing number of volunteers indicates the gradual increase in volunteer involvement overseas on an extended basis, according to W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, associate in the office of the consultant on laymen overseas.

Smith attributed the increase to the (Continued on page 2)

Campers On Mission Meet

A rally to kick off organization of the Mississippi Campers on Mission will be held Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 at Okatibbee Lake Water Park near Meridian.

The organization, which offers Christian campers a chance to be together in the outdoors, and offers faith sharing opportunities, is temporarily headed by Sid Cruthirds.

For reservations, phone Ralph Henderson at (601) 485-4219.



Earl Murphy, Church Training consultant for the Sunday School Board, led a conference at FBC, Brookhaven. Approximately 400 associational officers received training in September.

Annie Armstrong Offering Nears \$12 Million Goal

ATLANTA (BP) — The 1977 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions is more than \$1 million above the same time last year, Southern

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bachelor of science degree from Mississippi College in Clinton. She received her registered nurse standing by examination.

Miss Smith was a part time nurse assistant at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson; a camp nurse at Kings Arrow Ranch with Campus Crusade for Christ in Lumberton, Miss.; and a public health nurse in Hinds County, Miss., for the Mississippi State Board of Health.

Volunteer Work Wins 200 To Christ In Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil (BP) — An elderly woman, a Moslem and a follower of Spiritism were among some 200 persons led to Christ through a two-week door-to-door witnessing program here.

More than 200 volunteers participated in the endeavor, which aimed to saturate a large urban-industrial region of this city of five million with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The project — dubbed Trans-ABC — was the "most exciting spiritual happening we have experienced on the mission field," reported Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Frazier, Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil since 1962. The ABC Baptist Association, made up of churches in the communities of Sao Paulo, sponsored the project.

Between March and June, Christians were asked in various young people's meetings whether they would consider volunteering two weeks to be "urban missionaries." About 200, mostly young people ages 15 to 30, responded. Months of preparation preceded Trans-ABC.

Some volunteers took vacation time from their jobs; a few quit jobs to devote full energies.

Five teams of students from South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro led the project into five unevangelized areas of Sao Paulo, said the Fraziers, "offering scriptures, Bible correspondence courses, and especially, Jesus Christ."

Among those accepting Christ were an elderly woman whose family thought she had "gone crazy" when she took down all her images and crucifixes after becoming a Christian; a Moslem woman who showed such a strong desire to hear about Jesus that missionaries could not tell her enough; and a middle-aged follower of Spiritism who said for five years he had sought something and finally found it in Christ. Spiritism or Spiritualism is a pagan form of worship and belief that spirits exist in a spirit world and can be contacted

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fact that organizations of missionaries overseas are becoming more aware that these extended workers can fill the gap when a missionary comes on furlough. And Southern Baptists, he added, also are becoming more aware of these opportunities to serve.

"The reason we pay transportation is that the cost cannot be met out of a retirement salary," Smith said, "but when the organization of missionaries provides lodging and the board provides transportation the volunteers' retirement income will take care of their basic needs."

In other actions, the board voted \$8,750 as its 25 percent share of the budget for helping to implement the denomination's new Missions Education Council, approved \$66,610 for relief work and \$41,570 in projects to alleviate world hunger, and provide funds to help Ethiopian missionary families get set up in housekeeping again. These families had to leave behind their household goods and personal effects when forced to leave Ethiopia earlier this year.

In an effort to help all missionaries, the board approved a new cost of living supplement of \$360 for each child of missionaries while their families are on furlough in the United States unless they are already covered by the board's Margaret Fund support for college students.

The new Missions Education Council is a cooperative project designed to coordinate planning for a comprehensive missions education strategy by the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. Its steering committee, meeting Aug. 31 in Nashville set up at a \$35,000 budget to cover salary, office, and travel expenses of a staff assistant. The group asked Katharine Bryan, former director of Baptist Women for the Texas Baptist Women's Missionary Union, to lead in designing and launching cooperative projects of the new missions education group.

Baptist Home Mission Board executive director-treasurer, William G. Tanner, told the board's directors here.

Offering receipts totaled \$10,344,969 on Sept. 6, 1977, or nearly 92 per cent of the \$12 million goal.

Directors accepted the resignation of Cecil Etheredge from the missionary personnel department, appointed Bob Reccord as director of witness training for the evangelism section, and appointed 40 persons to mission service.

Etheredge, with the missionary personnel department for 15 years, will become national consultant for migrant ministries, blind ministries and juvenile offenders for the board's Christian social ministries department.

Reccord, 26, will assume the evangelism position, Nov. 1. Under the direction of Bob Saul, head of personal evangelism department, he will work with Tell Witness Training, lay evangelism schools and other personal witnessing methods. He will also serve as a liaison and resource person for local church ministers of evangelism.

Now ministers of outreach and spiritual development for First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., Reccord is a Norfolk, Va., native. He has served as an evangelist in Texas and Indiana and as youth director in Indiana, Georgia and Texas. He is a graduate of Indiana University and received a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Southside, Gautier, Organizes

Southside Baptist Chapel in Gautier, a mission of Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church of Pascagoula, was organized into a church Sept. 11. The building of Southside Baptist Church is shown in the background. In the foreground are Zeno Wells, director of missions for Jackson County Baptist Association; Lynn Mackey, pastor of Southside Church; Allen Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church. Organizational services were held in the afternoon following dinner on the grounds.

Newsbriefs In The



World Of Religion

Minneapolis (RNS) — Six Jewish leaders in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area have called upon "Christians of good will" to "disavow all connections with 'Jews for Jesus' and with other missionary efforts aimed at Jews." The ad, (in local papers) claiming that Christianity is the logical end-point of Judaism, marked the inauguration of a full-scale missionary effort directed at Jews and entitled Operation North Star of David, their statement noted. "Bigotry is not dead if a religious group can take out a full-page ad denigrating another religion and urging its adherents to convert."

NASHVILLE (BP) — Timex Inc. has decided to join 10 other corporations, reported earlier as sponsors of ABC-TV's "Soap," who have cancelled their commercial participation in at least the first few episodes of the controversial new series.

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — Twenty-five thousand Bibles printed especially for the Philippines are being distributed for sale throughout this country. Nearly \$40,000 has been channeled from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to provide Bibles in response to requests by missionaries and other Christians who pointed to the shortage of low-cost Bibles for Filipinos. The Bibles are printed in English, which is widely spoken throughout the Philippines.

New York (RNS) — Between 40 and 45 per cent of Jews are now marrying gentiles, according to Rabbi Isaac Trainin, director of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies here.

Cairo (RNS) — Assurances reportedly have been given to Egypt's Coptic Christian minority that a controversial draft law — one that would make abandonment of the Muslim religion a crime punishable by death — will be shelved.

Cauthen Suffers Heart Attack

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was preaching in Huntsville, Ala., Sunday, when he collapsed at the pulpit. He was later diagnosed as having had a coronary. He is expected to recover.

Hall Is Baptist School President

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — Eugene Hall, academic vice president at Louisiana College, Pineville, has been elected 12th president of Oklahoma Baptist University here, effective Oct. 15.



Hall, 45, succeeds William G. Tanner, who resigned in Sept. 1976 to become executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

New Magazine Is Designed For Parents

NASHVILLE — The first issue of *Living with Children*, to be introduced to Southern Baptists in January, will feature a variety of articles for parents.

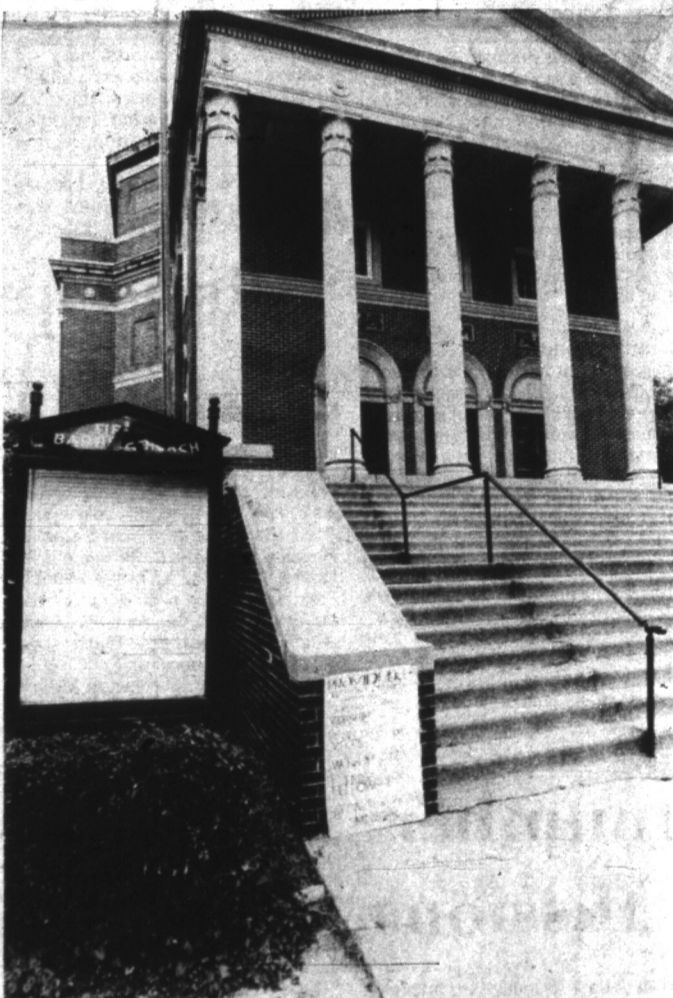
Published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the new quarterly magazine is written specifically for parents of children ages 6-11.

The January issue will include such articles as "How Not to Talk to Your Children," which offers practical and specific directions about how to communicate constructively with children; "Coming to Terms with Your Hidden Parent," some advice from a pediatrician on how parents can preserve the best from their own experiences as they try to relate to their children; "When Unequal Is Fair," about relating uniquely to each individual child; and "How Fathers Stay in Touch," which gives suggestions for fathers on how to be vitally involved in their youngsters' lives.

Living with Children is available for 78 cents per quarter on the church literature order form.

Bold Mission Thrust is launched!

BOLD MISSION THRUST, to be launched October 2 in all churches, already has found its place within the mission efforts of Southern Baptists in the United States. During the past year of awareness and program testing key cities have been named, counties without a strong witness have been identified, and needs have been pinpointed for special efforts in evangelizing and congregationalizing.



THE BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH of Naperville, Ill., started one year ago as part of Bold Mission Thrust, has become a symbol of the efforts to evangelize and congregationalize all persons. Pastor Frank Radcliff, left on front row, poses with the congregation of more than 350 on the Sunday they entered their new building. The church baptized 61 during its first year.



CULTURAL AND LIFESTYLE GROUPS compose a target of BMT — layers of persons of various cultural, sociological, religious and lifestyle groups bypassed by the churches. Here a worker at the Baptist Center Daycare in El Paso, Texas works with the children of multi-ethnic families.

CHURCHES IN CRISIS in transitional communities, another target for BMT, need help just to continue their ministries. The shattered sign of First Baptist Church of Baltimore reflects the crisis this diminishing congregation faces. They share their imposing facilities with an all-black congregation — Providence — as one effort to reach the changing community.



BALTIMORE, A PILOT PROJECT IN BMT, has been named as one of the 20 key cities for special, concentrated efforts. The association has made BMT the core of its program, seeking as Baptists to capture the new spirit that is rebuilding Baltimore. Here Lee Street Baptist Church holds its Sunday evening worship services on Federal Hill overlooking downtown and the rebuilt inner harbor.



MONO COUNTY, Calif., skirting the Nevada-California border, has been entered during the past year as one of the more than 600 counties without an effective evangelistic witness. Missionaries Bruce and Cheryl Pearson, shown at right, talk with a resident of Bridgeport where they have started Bible study. Pearson has a ministry in the jail and has offered his services as chaplain to a Marine camp. He also is leading in a resort ministry to camp grounds.

Disaster Relief Units Ready As Storms Begin

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptists are gearing up as never before to offer quick disaster relief as the season's first hurricanes, Anita and Babe, which came ashore recently in Mexico and Louisiana, forewarn potential destruction.

As Anita neared the Texas Gulf Coast, the disaster relief mobile unit of the Baptist General Convention of Texas stood by just outside the target area with emergency supplies and a trained crew ready to minister in the storm's aftermath.

Little damage resulted, however, from the 300-mile wide storm, which appeared headed for Brownsville, Tex. but veered southward into a sparsely populated area of Mexico.

Southern Baptist representative Van Gladen in Monterrey said his investigation revealed damage in two small fishing villages. He said Baptists are ready to help in reconstruction of the villages which are 135 miles south of Brownsville.

Louisiana and Oklahoma Baptists are nearing completion of disaster relief mobile units similar to Texas Baptists. They are large tractor-trailer units equipped with freeze dried food, blankets, first aid supplies, communications equipment, and large generators that could power hospitals.

Where an area's communications equipment is knocked out by a disaster, the crews will use short wave radio systems to report needs to Baptist churches and associations.

The Texas unit has been used to aid victims of a flash flood and a tornado in Texas; and in 1975, it journeyed over land and sea to Honduras, where it was used to feed as many as 7,000 meals a day to homeless victims of Hurricane Fifi.

Louisiana Baptist leaders said their disaster relief mobile unit wasn't quite complete when Hurricane Babe struck a few days after Anita. It wasn't needed, but they hope to be ready when the next storm threatens.

In the wake of Hurricane Anita, Gladen was instructed by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials to proceed with the purchase of necessary supplies to take to victims if he received word that the supplies are needed. The Baptist General Convention of Texas medical van stood by.

Gladen later telephoned the governor of the state of Tamaulipas in the capital city of Ciudad Victoria to convey concern and Southern Baptists' willingness to help. The governor expressed appreciation and noted that the Mexican government and military had been able to meet the needs.

The governor noted, however, that it might be possible for Southern Baptists to participate in some reconstruction,

said Gladen, who has already begun to contract Baptists in the adjacent areas about the possibility of aiding in reconstruction efforts.

Even as Anita changed her course, and possibly spared thousands of lives, Baptists stood by in Texas and Mexico

with refugee centers and communications networks.

Charles McLaughlin, Texas Baptist state mission commission director, coordinated a network of communication among Baptists of Texas and the Foreign and Home Mission Board.

Church Budget And Staff Salaries

By Clifton Perkins
Director, Department of Church - Minister Relations

Former President Woodrow Wilson's father was a minister. He was a tall, thin man. One day young Woodrow accompanied his father on house calls in his horse-drawn buggy. One of his parishioners asked the pastor a very pointed question. He said, "Reverend, why is it your horse is so fat and you are so thin?" Before his father could answer, Woodrow spoke up and said, "That is because my father feeds the horse, and the congregation feeds my father."

Apparently, the good Reverend was feeling the pinch of "tight money." That is on the light side; but on the serious side, some pastors and staff members are feeling the money squeeze of inflation on the rampage.

The current inflationary spiral dates from the mid 1960's. According to the United States Department of Labor, the Consumer Price Index increased 40.6 percent from January, 1973 through April 1977. And by April 1978, at the present rate, it will have increased another 7 percent. This means that if the salaries provided by the churches for 1978 are not 47.6 percent above those of 1973, the pastor and staff will have experienced a decrease in purchasing power.

That is a sobering thought — one that needs to be pondered carefully.

In 1974 a study was made of 19 denominations to determine various aspects of ministers' compensation for 1973. Southern Baptists were 13th in the median salary paid their pastors with a figure of \$9,688. When the inflation factor is added, Southern Baptists came up with a probable median salary for pastors in 1977 of \$13,388. Based on the survey made by our department in 1976, when the inflation figure is added, the average salary for Mississippi Baptist pastors in 1977 is approximately \$11,000. It should be pointed out in the calculation of this average salary figure we used the pastor's base salary, housing, and utility allowance.

With the rapid rise of inflation in our minds, we ask this question: "What should be the salary for our pastor and staff in 1978?" This is the question on the minds and hearts of concerned lay people throughout our convention. It is a good question!

The proper point at which to begin seeking the answer is an evaluation of the 1977 salary. Does it reflect the inflationary increases of recent years? Some churches may look only at the current year's salary in planning for next year. This procedure could lead us astray, if the present year's salary is not sufficient.

There is the story of a mother who one day found her young son pulling out his thick, black hair by the roots. Horrified at what she saw, she cried, "Johnny, what are you doing?" Innocently, he replied, "I'm trying to be like Dr. Jones." Now Dr. Jones was the greatly idolized pastor of the church to which the family belonged. At least the little fellow was not trying to look like Kojak. He was just seeking to "keep up with the Joneses."

In the matter of staff salaries "keeping up with the Joneses" is not enough. We have rapidly rising inflation to keep up with.

In I Corinthians 9:11 Paul says, "We have sown spiritual seed among you. Is it too much if we reap your material benefits?" The message is clear: Pay the pastor a salary which will let the pastor's family live as well as the majority of the congregation. God's servants should share the abundance and material rewards of their people.

In planning the 1978 salaries of the pastor and staff, several questions need to be asked. In the light of the inflationary spiral, does a major catch-up step need to be taken, in order not to perpetuate past inequities? If a pastorum is provided, has the allocation for utilities and maintenance kept pace with rising costs? If a housing allowance is paid, is it realistic in today's economy?

A minimum goal for every church should be to provide a realistic, annual cost of living adjustment for its staff members. We honor God by the generous care we take of his servants!

(This is the first of two articles on "staff salaries.")

Grenada Plans Interfaith Witness Meet

Grenada Association is planning an Interfaith Witness Conference on September 26, 27, at 7-9 p.m. The conference will be held at Emmanuel Church, Grenada.

Those attending the conference will hear the beliefs and practices of Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and the Unification Church discussed.

Lloyd Whyte, midwestern area director for ten states in the Home Mission Board's Department of Interfaith Witness, will lead this conference.

William B. Mitchell and Kate Ellen Gruver, associate directors in the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department, will also be on program.

Trilingual Crusade Nets 500 Decisions In Paraguay

PEDRO JUAN CABALLERO, Paraguay (BP) — Five hundred decisions for Christ were reported here during a week-long trilingual crusade supported by Paraguayan and Brazilian Baptists and others in this small town on the Paraguayan and Brazilian borders.

The crusade, led by Jose Missena, a Baptist pastor, was conducted in Spanish, Portuguese and Guarani, and accented by solos in Portuguese by Brazilian Baptist singer Luis de Carvalho.

Southern Baptist missionary physician Tom Kent, director of the mobile clinic of Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, also gave medical consultations in the local paragonage, according to Judi (Mrs. Tom) Kent, Southern Baptist missionary press representative for Paraguay.

The Missions Task Go Into All The World

By John Alexander, director, Stewardship Department

Continuing our look at "All Nations in the Purpose of God," we examine the Great Commissions given in appearances of the Risen Christ to various groups. There are six of these appearances.

(1) To two men on the Emmaus Road on the evening of Resurrection Day as told by Luke 24:13-35.

(2) The second appearance was with the disciples in the Upper Room at Jerusalem. Luke 24:26-49 reports that Jesus said, "Thus it is written... that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations."

(3) Eight days later in the Upper Room Jesus delivers a personal charge to doubting Thomas (John 20:26-29). Mark 16:14-18 reports that "Afterward to the eleven... he reproached them for their unbelief... and said, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation."

(4) By the sea of Tiberias, up in Galilee (John 21:1-23) is the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples and (v.14) delivered a personal charge to Simon.

(5) To a large group of disciples on a mountain in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20) Jesus said, "All authority... Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations." I Cor. 15:6 tells us it was more than five hundred brethren.

(6) On Mount Olivet near Jerusalem (Acts 1:3-12) Jesus said, "You shall receive power... be my witnesses... to the remotest part of the earth."

Dr. Goerner says in his summary: "At least three, probably four or more worldwide commissions were given to groups of from ten to 500 persons over a period of 40 days, leaving no room for doubt as to His plan."

The Book of Acts is a record of their obeying their Lord's instruction: Acts 1-2, waiting and receiving the Holy Spirit; Acts 3-7, witnessing in Jerusalem; Acts 8-12, witnessing in Judea and Samaria; and Acts 13-28, witnessing to the uttermost part of the earth.

Summarizing, Dr. Goerner says, "By the end of Acts, about 63 A.D., the gospel had been preached in all major parts of the Greco-Roman world, and Gentile converts probably outnumbered Jewish believers. Paul declared to a group of Jewish inquirers in Rome: 'Let it be known to you, therefore, that this salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles; they will listen' (Acts 28:28). Roman legions were then laying waste Judea, where super-patriotic Zealots led a revolt against Rome. In 68 A.D. the Christian community in Jerusalem fled to Pella. In 70 A.D. Jerusalem fell and the Temple was destroyed. It was the end of an era, and the beginning of a period of persecution for Christians throughout the empire. But the purpose of God for all nations was well on its way toward fulfillment."

To fail to be actively and aggressively missionary to all nations is to fail to support the cause Jesus died to make possible. "All nations" is the command and anything less is not fully scriptural or worthy of the death Jesus died.

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Associational Officer

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Brotherhood directors, Baptist Men's directors, RA directors, music officers, and pastor's conference leaders.

Purpose of these meetings is to "train associational workers in associational responsibilities which includes conducting conferences on associational night," said Vaughn. Associational night is a suggested quarterly conference conducted by associational officer

ers to train their counterparts in church program organizations and offer helps in operation of church programs.

This training plan comes "at a time when churches were saying our number one problem is a lack of trained leadership," said Vaughn. "If the association doesn't provide training and program interpretation, many churches will not get it."

Pastor-Missionary Retreat



Milton Koon, pastor of Gaston Baptist Church in Booneville, was one of the speakers during the pastor-missionary retreat held at Wall Doxey State Park near Holly Springs. The retreat, which features expositions of several biblical topics was sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



James Travis (with thumb up) of Blue Mountain College was Bible study leader for the Wall Doxey State Park retreat for pastors and missionaries. Other retreats are being held this week in other sections of the state.

Baptist Women

Retreat Subject: Listening Woman

By Ethel McKeithen

Mrs. W. C. Tyler and Mrs. Robert Holifield are featured speakers for the Baptist Women Retreat, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 at Camp Garaywa.

Mrs. Tyler, Bible professor at Blue Mountain College, and a writer, and lecturer, will be teaching the book "The Listening Woman" by Josephine Pile. This is the spiritual development book which is to be studied in the Woman's Missionary Union this year.

Mrs. Holifield, missionary to Italy, where she and her husband co-direct the Betania Evangelistic Center in Rome, will tell about mission work in Italy.

Leading the meditation periods for the retreat will be Miss Edwina Robinson, former executive secretary of the Mississippi WMU. Other appearing on the program will be Marjean Patterson, present WMU director and Mrs. Frances Smira, president of the state organization.



Tyler Holifield
Cost for the retreat will be \$8.50. Bring Bible, sheets, pillow case, towels, and toilet articles.

The program begins at 1 p.m. Friday and closes at 1 p.m. Saturday. Reservations should be mailed along with \$2.50 reservation fee to: Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

In addition to the study of the book, messages from the mission field and from Mississippi, there will be fellowships and sharing groups to challenge and inspire women to be better citizens in the home, the church, and the community.

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BOLD BELIEVERS IN GIVING Through a Ministering Church

YOU NEVER KNOW HOW FAR YOU CAN REACH UNTIL YOU STRETCH.

During this month many of our churches are putting the finishing touches on the 1978 church budget. Two questions need to be asked by every budget committee this year:

- (1) Is the proposed budget a bold challenge to the giving capacity of the church?
- (2) Does the proposed budget reflect a ministering church?

Boldness was a characteristic of the early church, of the early preachers and deacons. This boldness demanded and got attention. They were the people about whom their enemies said with the tears of rage in their eyes, "They are turning the world upside down!" You remember the story of the town infidel showing up to watch the church burning down. The frustrated pastor commented that he had not seen him at church before to which the infidel responded, "No, and I have never seen the church on fire before either." Many of our budgets don't have enough excitement in them to disturb the Methodists and Presbyterians, to say nothing of the town infidel! Does the new budget require boldness in giving?

Does the proposed budget reflect a ministering church? To minister means to meet needs. The majority of our world are poor, illiterate, and lost without hope. It is unthinkable that any church would consider itself a ministering church that was not increasingly trying to meet and minister to these crying world needs.

The Cooperative Program is one channel available to every church to use to respond to pressing and immediate needs around the world. If Christ is worth proclaiming to anyone, he is worth proclaiming to everyone. If the Gospel has hope for anyone, it has hope for everyone. Through the Cooperative Program every church member can respond to the command of Christ to go, disciple, baptize, and teach the nations of the world. Does your church budget offer proof that you and your people are really concerned about the cries of lost humanity? Jesus raised a question we all must face: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I command you?" WHY?

One budget committee was considering the finalizing of the budget when a member suggested "pegging" the amount given through the Cooperative Program. Another member spoke up and said, "Our church has been blessed too much to take this kind of action. I would be afraid to make such a move. I suggest we increase our giving next year by one percent." A motion was made and passed to increase from 25 to 26 percent the Cooperative Program item in the new budget. One man, committed, turned a whole committee and church toward fulfilling Christ's expectation of them as a congregation favored by the blessing of heaven. Where do you stand when the doleful doubt the wisdom of doing what Christ commanded? WHERE?

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Editorials

How Goes The Battle? . . .

Some Are Not Fighting

Television's continuing to deposit foolishness in the nation's homes is getting more and more wearisome, and so also the continuation of remarks by some newspaper columnists who feel they are modern and intelligent because they think television's junk is worthwhile.

"Soap," which premiered last week, is certainly not the only television show that offends the sensibilities of reasonable people; but it provides a good rallying point around which to begin a campaign to try to help television to become the respectable and valued medium of communication and entertainment that it is capable of being.

And what about "Soap" after its first installment has been seen? Actually, the more pertinent question might be what will be the nature of the shows the other two networks will run against "Soap"? If the first episode is any indication of what is coming, more people may watch something else than watch "Soap." It was boring, silly, and ridiculous. By the time this is read the second installment will have been shown, and it was the one the writer saw in advance. If the first two sections are the best that ABC has to offer, then goodbye No. 1 rating for ABC.

People who have opposed the presentation of "Soap" have been presented as being unsophisticated and censorious in some newspaper columns. Pointed out particularly have been the national Parent-Teacher organization and Southern Baptists. Neither charge is true, of course, concerning either group.

As for censors, the householder has more right than does the television programmer to determine what is brought into his den or living room. Much of television's programming arrives with very little, if any, forewarning. He also has as much right as anyone to determine what the public's airways are used for. Be that as it may, this was not intended to be a defense for the vocal family man or woman who doesn't want such stuff delivered to themselves or their children. It was to admit to finally becoming weary of the drivel in entertainment columns. Even the continual barking of little dogs that have nothing else to do finally becomes wearisome.

A national columnist has sought to point out to ABC that it went about its "Soap" promotion all wrong. The na-

ture of the show should have been kept a secret, the columnist said, so that there would not have been such an outcry against it.

Better promotion, however, could not have been purchased at any price. Those who have fought the broadcast of "Soap" have realized that they were caught in a trap, but they had no choice but to fight.

Credit must be handed to a syndicated columnist named George F. Will. He has defended the public's right to protest what it is fed.

Will points out that when it is the viewers who are making themselves heard there is no justification for a charge of censorship. He also negates the network's charge that those who have not seen "Soap" should not feel qualified to comment on it. He says that the public's protests have been

based on published reports distributed by the network itself as a part of its pre-season publicity.

Will's comments are well stated, and it is a shame that not all columnists are as reasonable. The attitude of the majority, however, points out a fact that we must keep ever before us: there is a war going on in the world, and it shows no signs of letting up. It is between the forces of good and evil.

Of course, the war is not of recent beginning. It has been going on ever since Satan began to exercise his influence in the Garden of Eden. Those of us who are responsible for handling the battle for our side at this point, however, are not doing well. Some are fighting hard, but the world is not paying a great deal of attention.

This could be because great hosts, on the other hand, are not fighting at all.

Personally . . .

Honestly, I was unprepared for what I heard at First Baptist Church, Long Beach, on Sept. 11. I had gone there to hear a concert by "The Elvis Presley of Korea"; but with all due respect to the memory of Elvis, he could not compare with Young Nam Cho, who sang at Long Beach that Sunday evening.

Young Cho is an amazing combination of talent, ability, dedication, and stage presence. From his opening presentation of "It Is Well With My Soul" through an hour of singing until he finished with "Down From His Glory" he held a sizeable Sunday night crowd in the palm of his hand. It was not his intention to be so charming in his presentation. It's his nature, and he can't help it.

What a tremendous voice comes from such a small person, and how he can use that voice to keep his listeners enthralled. He sings in both English and Korean; and he was at First Church, Long Beach, because a continuing Korean ministry is under way there.

Young Cho lives in Florida and attends Trinity College upon the recommendation of Billy Graham. He was saved during the Graham crusade in Korea and performed during the crusade.

He was born in North Korea, which his family left when he was three to

escape communism. He went to college in Korea to study to become an opera singer and did well in that respect. To earn money for college he began to sing American popular songs for United States soldiers during the Korean war. As a result of this he was asked to sing on television one day and became an overnight success. His ability as singer learned in opera training and his ability to entertain learned as he sang for the G.I.s made him an instant success as a popular singer in Korea.

Then he joined the army and was away from the entertainment scene for three years. Feeling an emptiness, he was confronted with Christ during the Graham crusade and made a profession of faith. He has been in the United States for three years now. In spite of being away from the entertainment field for six years (he's only 31) he was named the ninth most influential person in Korea last year excluding politicians. He was the only entertainer named in the top 100.

This was easy to understand as he captivated the Long Beach crowd. He sings only Christian music now, but he doesn't limit his audiences to Christian groups.

As Pastor Bill Duncan expressed it following the concert: "Aren't you glad he belongs to Christ instead of the devil?" — DTM

Letters To The Editor

Missions Spirit

Dear Sir:
Southern Baptists have historically been vitally interested in the missions concept — both at home and abroad. This interest stems from the direct commission of the Lord Christ as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. Few serious disciples of Christ question the "go tell," dynamic missionary spirit which has traditionally been a part of the Baptist heritage.

Tradition and heritage being what it is, however, it is refreshing indeed to have a first hand experience of sharing in a pioneer mission endeavor. This opportunity came this summer to the members of the Sherman Baptist Church, Sherman, Ms.

Bendon Ginn, former pastor of Sherman and now under appointment by the Home Mission Board to Spokane, Washington, returned to Mississippi this past July for a period

of vacation and visitation. As part of that trip, the Ginnns returned to Sherman and spoke in the evening worship service on July 17th. To an overflowing crowd, Bro. Ginn related the rigors of the home mission field and how the Lord is moving in the American Northwest. The Spirit of the Lord was so much in evidence that I felt constrained to challenge the congregation to do something special for the Lord's work in the state of Washington. I challenged the crowd to match my gift of \$100, and before the service was concluded the deacons had collected \$3544.00!!! Bear in mind that our church is not large by modern standards, but averages approximately 200 in the morning worship hour.

The Spirit in this service was absolutely fantastic! We shared what I believe must have been the concern of the early church as the people responded to great needs and the Lord's leadership. We just praise Him for permitting us to have a part in the mission work in Spokane and granting us the blessings of that service and others which have followed.

In a day when it seems fashionable to consign the church to the dust of the Middle Ages, to cut mission expenditures due to the bite of inflation, I am grateful to be a part of a church which still holds high the Great Commission of our Lord. I challenge other servants of the Lord to continue steadfast in the "preaching of the Word," and certainly part of that Word is to share the glorious Gospel with all peoples everywhere — across the sea and across the continent.

James Spencer,
Pastor
Sherman Baptist Church

Baptist Church, Balboa, Canal Zone. We are confident that the Lord will provide for the needs of His people, and it is our prayer that this advertisement will reach the one that He has selected for this pastorate. With your help in making this need known, we at Cocoli know that our Lord's chosen one will be in contact with us soon.

Our congregation is comprised mostly of military personnel, their dependents, and several civilian families. We are located on the Pacific side of the Isthmus, just a few miles from Panama City. We provide a furnished three-bedroom, air conditioned parsonage with utilities paid, monthly car allowance, a method of retirement, and commensurate salary. Pastors are on a two-year travel agreement, the same as other Panama Canal employees which gives them a vacation trip to the States. He would have all rights as any American employed in the Canal Zone.

Cocoli is a "totally Southern Baptist Church" in philosophical beliefs and practices — and I pray we remain thus. However, because of the varied backgrounds of our membership, we must have a leader who is strong in promoting SBC programs. We have many who are young in their Christian experience, and therefore, the need for training is constant — not only with our church, but in the entire Canal Zone Association.

Although most of our membership is American, several English-speaking Panamanians are members. Currently, our SS attendance fluctuates from 75-95. Our church field covers several military bases, Balboa civilian housing area, and, of course, Panama City.

We appreciate whatever you are able to do in making this need known through the resources at your disposal.

Robert E. Robinson
Chairman, Pulpit Search Committee
P. O. Box 1523
Balboa, Canal Zone

Canal Zone Pastor

Dear Sir:

This is a request for your support in our search for a pastor at the Cocoli

Thailand

"Venice Of The East"

By Earl Kelly

Delightful memories of the Broadway musical, "The King And I," and the fascinating little book, "Anna and the King of Siam," which inspired the musical, flooded our minds as Mrs. Kelly and I arrived in Bangkok.

Thailand, with a topography resembling the head of one of her many elephants peering inquisitively into the Indian Ocean, is accurately dubbed "The Venice of the East."

We were soon gliding along the Chao Phraya River and its canals in a quaint Thai boat. Picturesque scenes of Thai life along these water highways were fascinating to watch. The dirty canals (klongs) were beehives of early morning activity. Unique thatched Thai houses standing on stilts in the water offered us a panorama of Thai life — the middle-age woman standing in water to her waist soaping her hair; the naked children frolicking in the water near the steps that led down into the water; a housewife washing her dishes in the canal and stacking them on the floor of her hut to dry; and an old man dumping his garbage into the already stagnant water. Colorful floating markets displaying assortments of fish, fruit, and fennel transported by uniquely shaped boats driven by motors with long propeller shafts spluttered by as their proprietors' friendly smiles revealed red lips and black teeth resulting from chewing betel nuts.

We were never out of sight of some symbol of Buddha's presence. Though there are a few Moslems, Confucianists, and Christians there, Thailand is a showcase of Buddhism. Buddha's real grip on the country is displayed in any one of her 19,000 Buddhist temples, which are a colorful display of gold leaf, lacquer, and mosaic with carved serpents' tails decorating the eaves of their overhanging roofs.

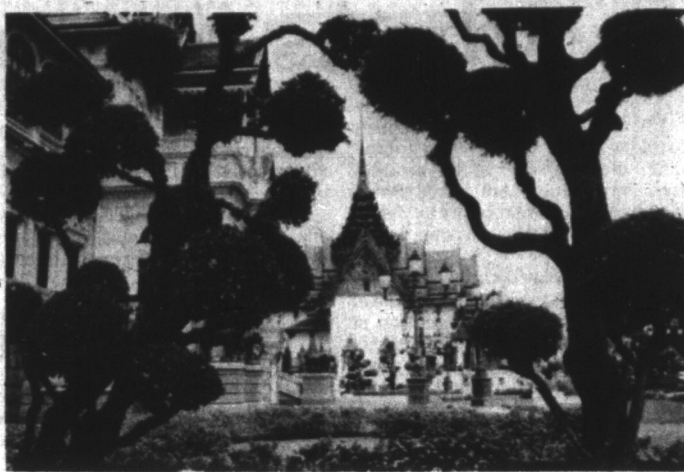
A short tour of Buddhist temples can quickly quench the curiosity of a Christian for a lifetime. In the "City of Angels" there is Wat Po with its colossal reclining Buddha, Wat Traimit with its recently discovered 5½ ton gold image of Buddha, and Wat Phra Keo — better known as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

The latter, a part of the Grand Palace complex, houses the Emerald Buddha (actually an ancient 24-inch Buddha carved from a single piece of green jasper) which sits under a canopy on a high-tiered pedestal richly decorated with gold leaf. At the base of the pedestal are gold and silver trees sent in former years as tribute by Lao Vassal princes and the rajahs to their overlord in Bangkok.

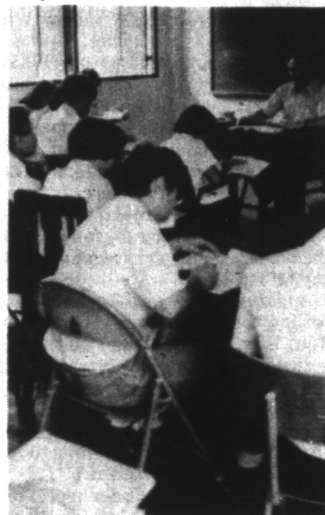
The image has the changes of vestments of pure gold studded with jewels. They are worn during the rainy, the cool, and the hot seasons and are changed by the King personally at the appropriate times. Devotees can be seen in the acts of reverential bowing amid the sound of temple gongs and the ever present pungent odor of burning incense. Since every Buddhist Thai male must serve as a monk for a few months during his lifetime, the country has been called the "Land of the Yellow Robe," yet the people do not know the meaning of love and repentance. Their chief expression is "It doesn't matter."

Thailand means "land of the free," but there is the ever present Communist insurgency along the Mekong delta that indicates its freedom may be short-lived.

Christianity entered Siam in the early 19th century when Ann Judson, the wife of the pioneer Baptist missionary Adoniram Judson, learned Siamese from some prisoners of war in Rangoon, Burma, translated her husband's Catechism into the language, and had it printed on William Carey's press in Serampore, India. Southern Baptist missionaries entered Thailand in 1949 as a result of the forced withdrawal of missionaries from Communist China. Our 64 missionaries are working around the clock to build a strong base if they should be required to leave suddenly.



The Dusit Group in the Grand Palace Complex in Bangkok.



Missionary Glen Morris teaches a seminary class in Bangkok.



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sigman and Mrs. Earl Kelly stand outside the Grand Palace Complex in Bangkok near the Emerald Buddha.

Judson Lennon, a classmate, is experiencing phenomenal success in organizing house churches across the country. Glenn and Polly Morris are exhausting themselves in assisting a Thai president (a very gifted former Buddhist priest) take over the leadership of our seminary. Even the visitor senses there may be sudden forced evacuation of our missionaries. The refugees streaming in from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia may explain some of the new interest in Christianity; but whatever the cause, the people of Thailand are responding to the gospel.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the river people could be shown "... a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb"? (Rev. 22:1) The "Land of the Yellow Robe" can become a land where the Thais are "... arrayed in white robes" if we will get our priorities right and make missions our first order of business. Yes, it's the chief business of THE KING and I.

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Make a way if you cannot find a way" seems to have been the motto which Edward Bok early adopted.

Bok came to this country with his family from Holland when he was 13. At first his father could not find a job and his mother was having to work very hard, so Edward decided that he needed to begin to earn some money.

One afternoon the hungry boy stood looking wistfully into the window of a bakery shop at all the tempting buns and tarts, pies and cakes. The baker, who had stepped outside to look at the display, asked, "Look pretty good, don't they?"

"They would if your window were clean."

"That's so. Could you clean it?" He would, Edward Bok found a step-ladder, and put so much Dutch energy into shining the window that the baker offered him a regular job, cleaning the window every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, for 50c a week.

Bok's initiative and enterprise eventually led him to the editorship of *Ladies Home Journal*. He married the daughter of the magazine's owner, became a millionaire, and retired at 56 to devote the last years of his life to the

ideal he had received from his grandmother: "Make the world a bit more beautiful and better because you have been in it."

Another former editor of *Ladies Home Journal* was after dinner speaker Sept. 16 at Mississippi Press Women's Fall Workshop at Hattiesburg. Lumberton-born Jean Todd Freeman has written a novel, children's book, and stories for major publications such as *McCall's*, *Woman's Day*, and *Saturday Evening Post*. The June issue of *Redbook* carried one of her more recent stories.

After listening to her illuminating — and sometimes hilarious — speech, I would say that Miss Freeman used fully as much initiative and enterprise in launching her writing career as did Edward Bok.

She told us about the time she set out to ride a horse from Louisiana to New York. Maybe a lot of other people remember reading of her exploit, but it had escaped my attention.

She had once seen a particular horse — somewhere in Louisiana — that she decided she wanted for the trip. After many stops and starts and questions and answers, she found the horse in Franklin, La., and bought it.

She had planned to park the horse at a barn every night, and walk across the road to the Holiday Inn where she would use her BankAmericard. But she found out right away that barns and Holiday Inns don't go together. The barns were on the back roads and the Holiday Inns were on the superhighways. Sometimes she even had to resort to sleeping on her raincoat and tying the horse to her wrist.

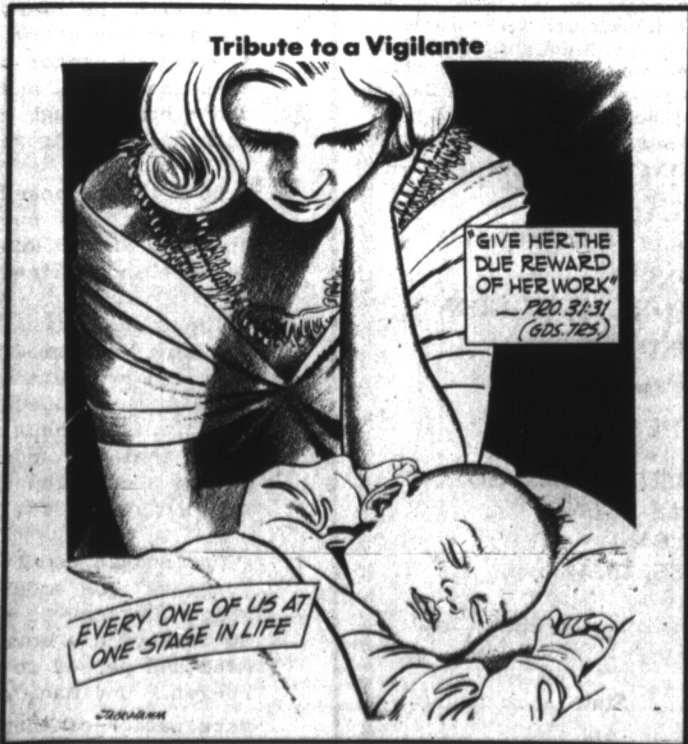
At the Mississippi River, authorities told her she could not ride a horse across the bridge, so she had to go at least 30 miles out of her way to cross a ferry. To cross the ferry she had to blindfold her horse.

Somewhere along the way some part of her saddle broke and she had to send it to a shop, far off her planned route, and wait several days for repairs.

People in cars passing her along the way would say, "There's that crazy woman who's trying to ride a horse to New York!"

Finally she gave up and came back to Mississippi. But she attained another goal. She wrote the story of her journey and gave it the title, "It's a Long, Long Way to Pascagoula." She sold it to an editor who before that time had not bought her material.

As the old saying goes, "Where there's a will, there's a way."



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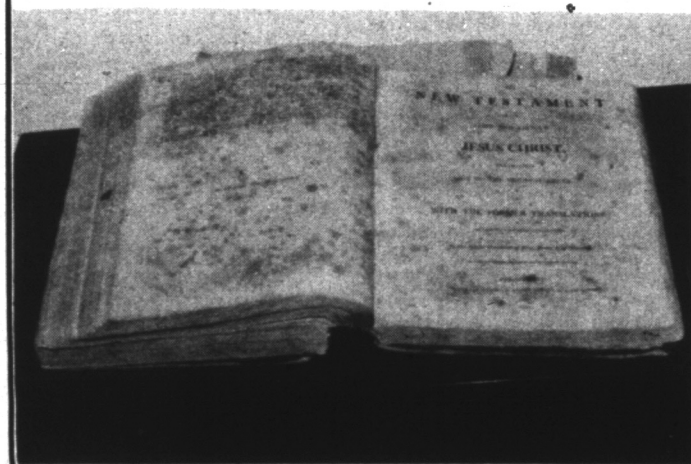
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"Somehow a twenty-thousand-dollar suit just doesn't become you."

(Editor's Note: The reference is to the \$800,000 suit brought against the Sunday School Board by Bentley and Simon, robe manufacturers, and settled out of court for \$20,000)

Early Preacher's Property Bible At Midnight Published In 1810



The Bible that belonged to Joseph Slocumb, one of the first Baptist preachers in Mississippi, now belongs to his great - great - great - granddaughter, Mrs. E.E. Robertson of Midnight. The Bible was published in 1810.

By Anne McWilliams

A new edition of the King James Version of the Bible was printed in 1810, published by Matthew Carey, 122 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. One of the Bibles became the property of Joseph Slocumb, a Baptist preacher in the Mississippi Territory.

Joseph Slocumb's 1810 Bible, in good condition for its age, is now one of the most treasured possessions in the home of Mary Smith Robertson of Midnight. It was handed down from generation to generation until Mrs. Robertson got her great-great-grandfather's Bible from her great-aunt Isabel Smith about ten years ago. Most of Joseph Slocumb's descendants, including John Slocumb of Shelby, have been Baptists. However, Mrs. Robertson is a Methodist.

R. A. McLemore in *A History of Mississippi Baptists* wrote about the early days when Joseph Slocumb was a preacher. He said that when the first Baptist association in Mississippi was organized in 1806, in the Natchez area, five churches sent delegates — Salem, New Hope, Bethel, New Providence, and Ebenezer. Though the number of churches steadily grew, the congregations were small and money was scarce. It was hard for them to find ministers. Almost always, the preachers had to support themselves and their families.

The Mississippi Baptist Association in 1811 appointed supply preachers to the "deserted churches." One they appointed was "Brother Slocumb, the third Saturday and Sunday in November at N. Hope and the first Saturday and Sunday in February at Ebenezer."

In 1813 the association voted to promote itinerant preaching, and named the available preachers to six divisions. In the sixth division were "Brethren Lawrence Scarborough, Joseph Slocumb, John Lee, Josiah Flower."

The Bible which belonged to Slocumb is still intact, with a good hard cover, though some of the stitches that held the pages together have come loose. The Apocrypha was included in this volume. In the space for family names, there is a record of marriages, births, and deaths of Joseph, his wife, and their ten children. Most of the names, in ink, are still readable though brown blotches somewhat disfigure those pages.

Two sheets of paper were in the Bible. One of them bears the signature of Joseph Slocumb. On this page are two poems, "A Prayer for the Children," and "A Morning Hymn of Praise." The other sheet of paper is covered, front and back, with lists of Scripture references.

The surname of Slocumb was originally given to one who came from a town by that name in southwest England. In British speech "coomb" means valley, and "sloe" is a black thorn tree. Hence, Slocumb might mean a dweller in a valley where the black thorn flourishes.

Some early members of the Slocumb family were given land grants in this country, from Britain.

Joseph Slocumb was born Jan. 26, 1772 and died Sept. 2, 1829. According to his family Bible he married Sarah Pipkin Mar. 15, 1792, and was the father of ten children — Asher, Charles Cagell, David, John, Joseph, Sarah Ann, Mary Riley, Eleanor Jane, Hannah Margaret, and Cassandra.

Joseph moved to the Mississippi Territory in 1802, from Sampson County, N. C., and settled at Morgan's Fork. Within four years he had cleared and planted 227 acres. In 1806 he received title to his land.

The first slate of officials for Franklin County who were appointed by the Governor of the territory referred to Joseph Slocumb: "county justice of the Orphans Court"; "a Spanish land grantee and a leading light in the Baptist church"; "owned 244 acres of land on Morgan's Fork Creek, had one slave."

His daughter, Sarah Ann, died at 21, less than a year after her marriage to Joseph Holmes. His daughter, Cassandra, died at age 14 in 1832, only a month before her mother's death.

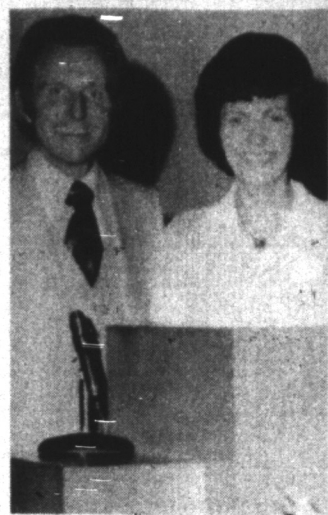
It was through his son David Slocumb's family that the preacher's Bible was handed down. David moved to Madison County where his daughter, Sarah, and her husband William Smith became active members of the Franklin Baptist Church.

William and Sarah had a son called Joseph. Joseph Smith's son, Lyman, was father to Mary Smith Robertson who now owns the Bible.



Joseph (Joe) Robertson of Midnight reads the Bible that belonged to his great - great - great - grandfather, Joseph Slocumb, a Baptist preacher.

Magnolia Street Church Commissions Sumralls



Tom and Jane Sumrall were commissioned at Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, as missionaries to Brazil.

Magnolia Street Church of Laurel conducted a missionary commissioning service Sept. 4 for Tom and Jane Sumrall who will soon begin service on the mission field in Brazil.

Sumrall, who was pastor of Magnolia Street from 1967 to 1972, will be

pastor of the only English speaking Baptist church in Sao Paulo, the largest and fastest growing city in Brazil. He will be joined in Brazil by his wife and son Eric.

Frank Harmon, pastor of Magnolia Street, led in the commissioning service; Ken Culpepper presented special music.

Mrs. Sumrall brought the membership up to date on their past ministry, which included pastorates in Mississippi, Louisiana, and New Mexico and Sumrall informed the church about their mission field in Brazil.

Wilroy Ratcliff, chairman of deacons, presented the Sumralls with a check from the membership of Magnolia Street, to be used as needed, and Harmon presented a check on behalf of the state W.M.U.

Missionaries Take Part In Korean 'Invitational'

TAEJON, Korea (BP) — Eleven Southern Baptist missionaries were here recently for an "invitational meet" — not golf or tennis, but evangelism.

The crusade was called an Invitational Crusade because it was held at the special invitation of a local church.



Young Cho Entertains

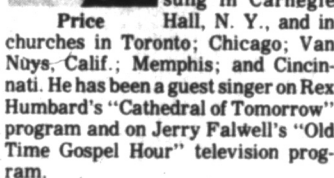
Young Nam Cho, top-ranked entertainer in Korea who became a Christian fifteen years ago, sings with two youngsters at First Baptist Church in Long Beach during a concert there. Cho is attending college in Florida and plans to return to Korea upon graduation. First Church, Long Beach, has a continuing ministry to Koreans. Bill Duncan is pastor. (More information on Page 4.)

Jack Price To Give Concert At McDowell Road

Jack Price, gospel soloist, will appear in concert at McDowell Road Church, Jackson, on Sept. 27 at 8 p.m.

Johnny Speeding, minister of music at the church has announced.

Price's "Music with Meaning" concerts take him from coast to coast each year. He has sung in Carnegie Hall, N. Y., and in churches in Toronto; Chicago; Van Nuys, Calif.; Memphis; and Cincinnati. He has been a guest singer on Rex Humbard's "Cathedral of Tomorrow" program and on Jerry Falwell's "Old Time Gospel Hour" television program.



Price

State Prison Names Woman Head Chaplain

RICHMOND (BP) — Marjorie Lee Bailey, the first woman ordained to the ministry by a Southern Baptist church in Virginia, has added another "first" to her ministerial calling. She has been appointed senior chaplain for the Virginia State Penitentiary.

According to George F. Ricketts, executive director of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia, Inc., Miss Bailey is the nation's first female chaplain assigned to an adult male maximum security prison.

Chaplain Bailey, 54, who has served inmates of the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland, Va., since 1966, will be assisted by another Southern Baptist, Russell A. Ford.

She received the bachelor of science degree from Blue Mountain College, attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has completed four quarters of clinical pastoral education in the Health Sciences Division at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Before assuming the work of chaplain she was a mission center director for Richmond Baptist Association and a Home Mission Board Baptist Center worker in New Orleans.

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Weber Slowly Resumes His Church Duties

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP) — Former Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber has been told by his doctor here to gradually resume his fulltime duties after a period of recovery from heart attacks.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, got "a good report for a quick recovery" at Stanford Medical Center, where he had a complete evaluation. He will start slowly by first teaching his Wednesday evening Bible lessons. He said that he will gradually assume preaching responsibilities at the church's three Sunday services, beginning with one service and working back into a full load.

He expressed appreciation "for the prayers and concern of many people across the Southern Baptist Convention" who have contacted him during his recuperation.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

I. D. Johnson, who has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, and most recently in Georgia, has moved to Mississippi. He is available as supply, interim, or full-time pastor. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1965 with a major in Bible and religious education and received the Th.M. degree in 1971 from New Orleans Seminary. His address is Route 3, Box 1, Fulton, MS 38943.

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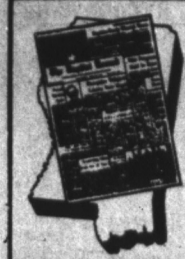
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Just For The Record



The 60-voice youth choir, "His Witnesses," of Fairview Church, Columbia, Alabama, made a tour of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The choir sang at Tate Street Church in Corinth and Harvest Church in Huntsville, Ala. The choir enjoyed a day at Opryland, Nashville, and then returned to present the musical program at the Fairview Church. Bob Waldrop, minister music youth, director of the choir. Gene Henderson is pastor.

Providence Church, Yazoo County, will observe homecoming day on Sept. 25. C. J. Olander, former pastor at Tchula, now retired, will bring the messages for the worship services that begin at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The day has been designated as Joe Olander Day, as Olander was pastor at Providence in 1915, 1916, and 1917. Dinner will be served on the grounds, followed by a fellowship hour. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. Robert I. Martin is the pastor.

Eret Church, Wayne County will have homecoming on Sept. 25. Charles Dikes, pastor, states that The Southland Quartet will be the featured singers. Sunday School will begin at 10, with a precession of music. Morning worship will be at 11, and lunch at the church at 12.



Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will preach at Pascagoula's Calvary Church at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 25, during "Commitment Day" in the church's stewardship campaign that is now in progress. The church hopes to underwrite in one day the recently adopted budget of \$172,000, with total gifts expected to reach \$250,000. Pastor Byron Mathis said that Calvary has used annual stewardship campaigns for a number of years, and that the budget has become seven times as large as it was and total gifts are now ten times what they were when the church began using annual campaigns.

John Bewley, right, congratulates Pastor Julius Thompson on the new Family Life Center at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.



EAST HOWARD CHURCH, BILOXI, held a note burning service August 21 to celebrate the payment of church indebtedness. Participants were above: J. W. Brister, director of missions for Gulf Coast Association; Charlie Desporte, former member; M. J. Hegwood, church treasurer; Richard Fraes, pastor; and C. H. "Pop" Stone, minister of music.

Sunday School Lesson: International For September 25

Love In The Midst Of Crises

By W. J. Fallis
Luke 6:27-36; Philommon

We started this month thinking about the Christian life - style because we need that vantage point to consider the Christian approach to human concerns. The word might ask: "If there is a Christian approach, what makes it so different?" All kinds of people wear the name, but they don't all act alike.



Some are bigoted, and some are bighearted; some are selfish and others generous; some are kind and others cruel. But if they do more than "wear the name," Christ has changed them from the inside. They live responsibly in their communities; they overcome despair with hope. But even more important, they practice love - active goodwill - in the midst of everyday crises. It is often hard to live that way, but their Master has commanded it, and he has promised the power.

The Lesson Explained A New Way To Treat Enemies (Luke 6:27-31)

Jesus did not say who the enemies were. Jewish hearers probably thought of Romans and Samaritans; the poor reflected on their; perhaps everyone could think of a person he or she resented bitterly. "Love them?" That was impossible. But Jesus was not talking about a sentiment; he was talking about goodwill. That is difficult but not impossible. Notice that the enemies were "them which hate you" and not just those whom you hate.

Jesus called on them to do good, to bless, and to pray for them. When his disciples were slapped on one cheek, they were to offer the other one instead of striking back. If a robber snatched a believer's cloak, he must not resist losing his coat as well. He would not even insist that his property be returned. Notice that these enemies are close enough to touch and curse. Their hostility must be countered with something entirely different - active goodwill.

A Really Different Love (Luke 6:32-36)

Here Jesus deals with the unspoken objections to his new way to treat enemies. If his followers were to love only those who loved them, they would be no better than sinners. Anybody

could do that; it would be just a matter of trading favors. But Jesus was expecting more from his disciples. If they did a good turn for or loaned money only to those who would return the favor, Jesus asked, "Why should you expect a blessing?" (v. 32, TEV). Instead, he was talking about the kind of love that expected nothing in return. It helps and gives because the receiver needs help - and that's all. It asks no repayment, no sense of obligation, no public acclaim.

Putting Love To The Test (Philommon 10-19)

Because of its brevity and its single theme, the letter to Philommon is remarkably vivid. Verse 1 shows the warm appreciation of Paul for his friend in Colosse, and verses 4-7 present him as a loyal and loving believer in Christ. Then in verses 10-19 we discover the purpose of the letter, and Philommon is challenged to put love to the test.

Paul had won to Christ a runaway slave of Philommon, and he would like to have kept Onesimus as a companion. But he knew the slave should return to his owner. Philommon would appreciate that, but Paul pointed out a new obligation on Philommon's part. Although Onesimus was his slave, he was now also his brother in Christ. Paul was not asking that the slave be freed but that he be treated with brotherly love.

Life and Work For September 25

When Is Wanting Wrong?

By Bill Duncan
Long Beach, First

Exodus 20:17; Ephesians 5:3-5;
Luke 12:13-21

A Charlotte, North Carolina woman discovered a sermon in a bird's nest that stirred her to say, "I'm going to do a little reviewing to make sure I'm living right." The next was made of leaves, twigs, grass, a decaying one dollar bill, and a printed page of Bible verses. Two of the verses on the page were: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15) and "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

The final commandment is unusual in that it deals with motivation or inner desire as opposed to outward actions. S. R. Drives, the Old Testament scholar, said that his commandment is the most inward of all the commandments, forbidding not an external act but a hidden mental state; a state, however, which is the spring and root of nearly every sin against a neighbor, the unlawful desire for something which is another's. Honeycutt has said that the biblical intention is not to prohibit the desire for property but only to protect the right of one's neighbor to live with a feeling of security concerning his own possessions.

Jesus placed covetousness with evil

thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, envy, slander, pride and such. He said came from within. He warned men to take heed and beware of covetousness.

According to the apostle Paul, covetousness is one form of idolatry. The identification of covetousness with idolatry should cause one to recognize the deeply serious nature of uncontrolled desire for material goods.

There is one word which characterizes best the Tenth Commandment and that is security. Covetousness is an essential unwillingness to trust the Lord. When a person shows the spirit of envy and greed for others' things, they are not believing that God will meet their human needs. We all have physical needs. To reject the assurances of the Lord concerning His providential care and to go it alone by seeking to gain covetous deeds is wrong.

Greed and covetousness are self-destructive to the individual, even when they do not produce overt action. They eat away at the life center of the individual. George Jackson has said, "The penalty of the gold-heaper is that he gets his wealth at the cost of himself."

Covetousness reflects an undue exaltation of self by exalting the welfare and interest of the individual. Those who covet others' property manifest the conviction that supreme consideration should be given to their own selfish interests.

This commandment covers more than money. A person may covet popularity, power and prestige. The nature of covetousness is selfish desire.

Missionaries On Furlough

The following missionaries are now on furlough in Mississippi: James and Dorothy Gilbert, Ecuador, 1000 Lake Shore Drive, Box 13, Brandon; Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Nicaragua, 208 E. Main St., Clinton; Billy and Terry Peacock, Korea, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; Tom and Hazel Barron, Indonesia, 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia;

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John and Elizabeth Merritt will return to the state from Germany in November. Their address is Adenauer Platz 2, 69 Heidelberg, West Germany.

Revival Dates

Wildwood, Clinton: Oct. 2-6; W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor emeritus, First Church, Jackson, guest evangelist; James Moore Brown, in charge of music; Fred Womack, pastor; Jack Lyall, minister of music and education; services Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m.; Oct. 3-6 at 7:30 p.m.

Northwest Hills, Jackson: Sept. 25-30; Frank Bishop, pastor of Greenville, Greenville, evangelist; James Brown, minister of music at Northwest Hills, song leader; Robert McDonald, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.

Grandview (Lauderdale): Sept. 25-30; Jim Meadows, evangelist; C. B. Roberson, singer; Edgar Wolfe, pastor; services 7:30 p.m.

Providence Church, Pearl: Sept. 25-30; Guy Gray of Immanuel Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Samuel McDonald of Simpson County, song leader; Harry Gipson, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.

Devotional

A Lesson In Health: "The Great Physician"

By James E. Scirratt, Pastor, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson

Jesus is called many names in the New Testament. He is known as the Light, the Good Shepherd, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus has also become known as the Great Physician. Though He is not called this in the New Testament, it is yet another name ascribed to Him as He relates to the needs of mankind.

During a meal with Matthew, Jesus is criticized for eating with tax collectors and other sinners. His answer to this criticism was that they are the people who need the physician. The sinners were sick and Jesus claimed that He had come into the world to heal the sick.

As Jesus healed the sin sickness He became known as the Great Physician. The helpless and the hopeless found someone who cared. Spiritual health was found for those who thought there was no hope.

In modern day health problems, there are many ailments that can be treated by the Great Physician. Many of the problems and heartaches of people can be cured by the love of the Saviour.

What one must be able to do is to recognize the need. Once a doctor can diagnose a medical problem, then treatment and proper medication can be prescribed. This diagnosis is the important factor. The Pharisees had the problem with Jesus eating with Matthew because they did not recognize the problem. All they saw in Matthew was his work. They had not diagnosed his problem. Jesus made the proper diagnosis. Matthew was a sinner, and he needed healing.

Many of the problems of men could be alleviated by spiritual help. But the problem of the Pharisees is the same problem today; man sees only what he wants to see in others. Jesus sees the need of the heart, and that is what man must look for also.

When the problem can be diagnosed, then the cure can be administered. The cure for sin sickness is the love of the Saviour. This is the work of the Great Physician. The message of the love of Christ is that He can cure the sinful heart.

As Emily Dickinson said in her beautiful poem:

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

To take the message of the Great Physician is to offer help and hope to those who need it.

Evangelist To Return To Pastorate

Jerry Mixon has accepted the pastorate of Goss Church, Marion County, effective Oct. 1. He has been a full-time evangelist for the past five years.


Mixon said that after having conducted 118 church revivals, 15 retreats, and 15 Bible studies. He feels that God has again called him

to the pastorate.

He began his evangelism ministry with 25 laymen from across the country assisting him as a Board of Directors. With the aid of his Association, he has accounted for over 1,000 decisions each year. In a recent newsletter he pointed out that 40 per cent of these decisions were conversions.

Mixon, his wife, Vicki, and their two children, Jeff and Laney, will move to the church field in October.

Mixon said that he plans to continue his interest in full-time evangelism by developing an organization to assist evangelists financially, and to publish a book on how to enter full-time evangelism.



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